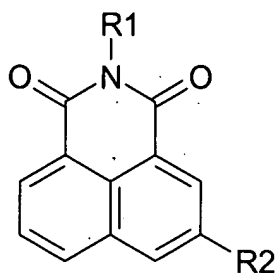


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 Disclosed is a salt of amonafide or amonafide analogs represented Structural Formula (I):



(I).

R1 is $-(CH_2)_nN^+HR_3R_4 X^-$ or R1 is $-(CH_2)_nN^+HR_3R_4 X^-$ or $-(CH_2)_nNR_3R_4$ when R2 is $-N^+HR_6R_7$.

- 10 R2 is $-OR_5$, halogen, $-NR_6R_7$, $-N^+HR_6R_7 X^-$, sulphonic acid, nitro, $-NR_5COOR_5$, $-NR_5COR_5$ or $-OCOR_5$;

R3 and R4 are independently H, C1-C4 alkyl group or, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, a non-aromatic nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group;

- 15 each R5 is independently $-H$ or a C1-C4 alkyl group;

R6 and R7 are independently H, C1-C4 alkyl group or, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, a non-aromatic nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group;

n is an integer from 0-3; and

- 20 X^- is the carboxylate anion of an organic carboxylic acid compound.

Also disclosed are methods of preparing certain compounds represented by Structural Formula (I).